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1. THE HONORABLE PETER LOUGHEED, PREMIER OF ALBERTA, PLANS TO MAKE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN JUNE, AS PART OF A TEN DAY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. JAMES SEYMOUR, DIRECTOR OF THE PREMIER'S OFFICE IN CALGARY, TOLD THE REPORTING OFFICER THAT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT WILL BE MADE UNTIL ALL DETAILS OF THE ITINERARY HAVE BEEN FINALIZED. THE CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF PREMIER LOUGHEED'S PLANS, AND THE WASHINGTON, D.C. PORTION OF THE VISIT IS TO BE ARRANGED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR JAKE WARREN.

2. THE WESTERN LEG OF THE TRIP WILL FEATURE MEETINGS WITH GOVERNOR JUDGE AT HELENA AND GOVERNOR ANDRUS AT BOISE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, AND GOVERNOR EVANS AT OLYMPIA AND GOVERNOR STRAUB AT SALEM ON JUNE 17. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18, LOUGHEED HOPES TO MEET WITH GOVERNOR BROWN IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF., AND THE WEEKEND WILL BE SPENT PRIVATELY IN CALIF. AT ALL OF THE STATE MEETINGS, LOUGHEED PROPOSES TO DISCUSS ENERGY ISSUES AND PETROCHEMICAL MATTERS. (ALBERTA PRODUCES
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OIL AND NATURAL GAS THAT IS USED IN MANY U.S. STATES, AND

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THE PROVINCE IS EMBARKING UPON AN AMBITIOUS DOLS 2.34 BILLION PETROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. ALBERTA HOPES TO SELL SOME OF THE PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES BUT IS CONCERNED WITH U.S. MARKET RECEPTIVITY - IMPORT DUTIES, TAXES, DOMESTIC COMPETITION, ETC.). LETTERS WILL BE SENT FROM THE PREMIER'S OFFICE IN FEBRUARY TO THE SIX GOVERNORS REQUESTING MEETINGS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITAL CITIES.

3. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROPOSED LOUGHEED VISIT WILL BE CENTERED AT HOUSTON. ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, THE PREMIER WILL SPEAK TO BUSINESSMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ENERGY COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF ALBERTA ENERGY POLICIES AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT REGULATIONS. THE CANADIAN CONSULATE LENERAL AT DALLAS WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMPLETING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS PORTION OF THE VISIT.

4. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, THE PREMIER WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. PREMIER LOUGHEED HOPES TO MEET WITH THOSE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH OVERALL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND WITH ENERGY AND TRADE MATTERS. (THE PREMIER KNOWS VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, AND THE TWO HEN CONFERRED TOGETHER DURING LOUGHEED'S VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY IN 1974).

5. THE PREMIER'S LAST CALL IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE IN NEW YORK, ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25. THIS WILL BE A FOLLOW UP VISIT TO HIS 1974 SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN ALBERTA. THE CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NYC IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGE-MENTS.

6. THE PREMIER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. BY DONALD R. GETTY, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WHO WILL BEPRESENT AT THE MEETINGS WITH THE SIX WESTERN LOVERNORS, WHILE LOU HYNDMAN, PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF FEDERAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND IN NEW YORK. HAROLD MILLIGAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FEDERAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, AND MR. SEYMOUR WILL ACCOMPANY THE PREMIER THROUGHOUT THE VISIT.
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UM THIS WILL BE PREMIER LOUGHEED'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 1974 HE FLEW TO NEW YORK AND BOSTON AND CONFERRED WITH FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THOSE IITIES. LAST FALL, LOUGHEED VISITED THE UNITED KINGDOM, BELGIUM, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY. IN GERMANY HE MET WITH THE STATE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CARL MOERSCH. IN FRANCE HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER JACQUES

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SHIRAC, AND THE MEETINGS IN BELGIUM WERE WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND E.E.C. PRESIDENT FRANCOISE-ZAVIER ORTOLI.
AN APPOINTMENT WITH QUEEN ELIZABETH HAD TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF PROVINCIAL PREMIERS TO DISCUSS PRESSING ECONOMIC IONDITIONS, AND LOUGHEED HAD TO RETURN, EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, TO CANADA.

8. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ALBERTA IN UNITED STATES-CANADIAN ENERGY RELATIONS AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE GROWING PRESTIGE OF LOUGHEED HIMSELF IN NATIONAL AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, IT IS HOPED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL EXTEND ITS FULLEST COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE LOUGHEED VISIT.
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